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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2637**
Shinichirou SATOH : Docket No. 2001_0535A
Serial No. 09/831,299 : Group Art Unit 2816
Filed August 13, 2001 : Examiner Guillermo Munoz

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, having a three month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire October 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: